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NO NIGHT ACTION

1. ACFT 124 MADE FLT 28 ON 21 FEB 63 FOR ONE HOUR AND TWENTY-THREE MINUTES. IP SCHALK, PILOT SKLIAR. PURPOSE, AIR REFUEL CHECKOUT SKLIAR. GROSS WEIGHT 75,600, CG 20 PERCENT. APPROXIMATELY 8 DRY CONTACTS, TOTAL 50 MINUTES REFUELING TIME. VISUAL RENDEZVOUS HAMPERED CONSIDERABLY BY EXCESSIVE REFLECTIONS ON INSIDE WINDSCREENS AND CANOPIES. REFLECTIONS ALSO CAUSED SOME DIFFICULTY DURING CONTACTS. FLAT BLACK PAINT INSIDE CANOPY AND WINDSCREEN STRUCTURE AREAS, PLUS VISION-SPLITTER SHOULD CORRECT MOST OF THIS.

2. BOTH PILOTS REFUELED WITH SEAT BOTTOMED WHICH PROVIDED GOOD VISION OF TANKER THRU FRONT WINDSCREENS. MR. SCHALK PARTICULARLY COMMENTED ON THE IMPROVEMENT TO REFUELING VISIBILITY THE ADJUSTABLE SEAT AFFORDED. SLIGHT SAS OSCILLATIONS IN ROLL AXIS THAT HAVE BEEN NOTICEABLE IN PAST SEVERAL FLIGHTS ON THIS ACFT DID NOT MATERIALLY AFFECT CONTROL DURING REFUELING.

PILOT SKLIAR COMMENTED REFUELING QUITE SIMILAR TO F-101. BUT MORE

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STABLE, PARTICULARLY IN PITCH. NORMAL LANDING WITH GOOD CHUTE.

3. ACFT SCHEDULED THIS AFTERNOON 21 FEB 63 FOR REPEAT MISSION,
PURPOSE CHECKOUT MR WALTER.

END OF MESSAGE

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